### WEAVING THE WEB

Around William Eaton, Accused of Setting Fire.

TO THE TURNER BUILDING

For the Purpose of Defrauding Insurance Companies.

#### THE SENSATIONAL TESTIMONY

Of the Day Given by Albert Grandison, the Colored Porter, Employed by Eaton. He Testifies that the Defendant Had in Hie Posses Inn Kone Pear-Shaped Artteles Connected with a Puse, and Which torial-Acjour iment Taken Until Today, with Grandison Still on the Stand.

charged with setting fire to the Turner of defrauding insurance companies, was resumed before Justice Fitzpatrick, in the criminal court room yesterday morning. The day dragged along withbulk of the evidence being given by insurance men to establish the fact of the over-insurance of the stock. It remained to the closing hours to tinge the testimony with a sensational hue on the wildence given by Albert Grandison, the colored porter employed by Eaton. Adjournment was taken at 5 o'clock, until \$ o'clock this morning, with Gran-dison still on the stand, and his story apparently but half told.

Grandison's testimony so far as it went showed that Eaton was in the possession of a box containing three small bulb shaped articles all connected with a fuse to one of larger size, of the same character that Grandison had seen Eaton light and throw in a stove, and from which some time afterwards Ea-ton lit his cigar. He took pains to

ton lit his cigar. He took pains to say to Grandison at the time: "Albert. I suppose you think it strange for me to have those things about. I'll tell you what I am going to do with them. I am going to sell them to keep dampness out of houses in the spring."

The voluntary explanation of Eaton's about "keeping dampness out of houses," struck the insurance men present as being rather humorous in the light of recent events, and they still further startling developments to-day, when Grandison resumes the stand. Yesterday's testimony in detail follows:

was abtoping at the both.

Mr. D. G. Moram, fire insurance and follows:

Mr. D. G. Moram, fire insurance and format, was the first witness of the day. He first met Eaton about Pebruary So roll. In his place, 1322 Main street. He had talked with Agent Rice and then visited Eaton's place, where the colored man was putting boxes on the elevator. Eaton had applied to Rice for \$1,500 insurance which was issued, and applied for another \$1,500, claiming the more goods arriving, which is the street of the first street. He had talked with Another \$1,500 insurance which was issued, and applied for another \$1,500, claiming the more goods arriving, which is the street of the first street. He was the first with the said to Rice for \$1,500 insurance which was issued, and applied for another \$1,500, claiming the more goods arriving, which is the said to Rice for \$1,500 insurance which was issued. This \$3,500, with \$1,500 insurance. The next \$400 insurance and follows the worst fully \$3,000. His surance and claimed he had at least \$1,000 worth of goods. He said his full state was the first with the said the only other politics, one in the Rodgers agency. Eaton at first applied to witness for \$1,000 insurance, but later wanted \$1,000. This surance and Rodgers agency. Eaton as first applied to witness for \$1,000 insurance, but later wanted \$1,000. This surance and Rodgers agency. Eaton and since the \$1,000 insurance wanted \$1,000 insurance was the surance and Rodgers agency. Eaton and since the first surance and for \$1,000 insurance and \$1,000 insurance a

lack of courtesy.

To Mr. Sommerville witness said an appraisement of the stock had been made by Messrs. B. F. Caldwell, K. T. Devrits, jr., and Robert Simpson.

Insurance Agent W. R. Rice was the second witness. He had met Eaton February 19, at No. 1502 Main street, to see him about writing insurance on the stock. Eaton said he had 1,509 nl-ready, in the Continental, of New York. Mr. Hilles objected because witness was speaking of the Westchester Company, while the charge against Eaton is defrauding the London Assurance Company. He moved to exclude all evidence not bearing on the charge against the defendant.

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The court ruled that the evidence could be heard and considered later.

Witness had been told on the 19th of February, the Friday before the fire, by Eston, that he had it 50 insurance in addition to that which he took from witness. After the fire Eston notified into of the loss, verbally. Witness had heard proofs of loss were made on the Westchester. He heard of the fire twenty or twenty-five minutes after the alarm. The fire department was at work when he arrived. When he had first examined the goods they were on the first floor. After the fire he found the half-burned stock on the second floor. Witness knew an apprahenent of the goods after the fire was made. Witness had been at the Turner building at 10 p. m. before the fire, ecompatible by Mr. Evans a special hearmance agent. At that time the stock was not on the first floor. They visited the place because his supplicions had

been aroused through more issurance being taken out than Eaton had told him of.

To Mr. Thiles the witness said he had seen Eaton after Schurdey and before the fire, it was on Street afreet about 6 o'clock, but Eaton I'll not see him.

At 1115 a. m. the hearing was suspended until 1:20 p. m.

Afternoon Session.

The hearing was resumed at 2 o'clock, and W. C. Brown, photographer, was the first witness, called. Five photographs of the burned building were introduced as evidence. Mr. Brown testified to having taken the photographer, was the first witness, called. Five photographs of the burned building were introduced as evidence. Mr. Brown testified to having taken the photographer of the photographer of the photographe of the burned building from the time of the fire until they were not competent as evidence. Farther that as the "photos" were taken two days after the fire, the goods pictured might have been disturbed by firemen and others, who were in the building from the time of the fire until they were photographed.

Mr. Sommerville, for the prosecution, replied that he had been listening for excluding the "photos" were listening that the prosecution, replied that he had been listening for merville, continuing a blook and plans as evidence had obtained in all the courts, What they wanted to show by the pictures was that the goods had been piled up, against the conceal the lists of the from windows to conceal the lists of the from windows to conceal the lists of the from being observed on the street.

Justice Fitzpatrick—Motion to exclude overruled.

Mr. Brown then went to explain the nature of the photographs and the materials photographed. After a short cross-examination, which developen nothing material, Louis Weisberg, clerk of the Seventh Avenue hotel, plant and the content of the photographe of the photographe of the stand.

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elerk of the Seventh Avenue hotel, Pitisburgh, was called to the stand.

Mr. Weisberg was a witness for the defense, but by agreement he was allowed to testify so that he might return to Pitisburgh on the next train. His testimony showed that Eaton was in the Seventh Avenue hotel on February 2ird, 24th (the day of the fire) and the 25th the said he saw him at the hotel on the morning of the 24th, but did not again see him until 10 o'clock on the night of the same day. He knew he was there on the 25th for the reason he received a telegram for him. A phytographic copy of a page of the hotel rigister, upon which Eaton's name appeared was introduced as corroborative evidence. Weisberg wild be knew Eaton's handwriting from the fact that he cashed a check which he saw Eaton write, and in comparing the rignature with the name on the register they corresponded. On cross-examination the witness stared that he did not see him register, as he was on night duty, and first saw him in the evening of the 2ird. He said his attention was called to him the second time from the fact that Pitusburgh detectives had notified him that Eaton was suspected of arson at Wheeling; and, further that he had received a telephone message from Wheeling asking if Eaton was there, and he answered that he was. He saw nothing of Eaton during the dayting while he was stopping at the hotel.

ed to walt over a train was to get his values and consult his attorney.

The size witness of the examination so far was Albert Grandison, an intelligent and quick-witted colored man, who was employed as a porter by Eaton for five days, his services ending on the Monday proceeding the fire. He has been employed off and on at the various hotels about the city, and his manner and the simplicity of his realist of his connection with Eaton carried conviction as to its truthfulners. It was the most direct and tancible evidence yet given connecting Eaton with the firing of the building. After reciting his duties at the store he said he never carried the key of the store except one night. Or the Saturday night before the fire he said Eaton wanted him to keep the key, but he refused to do so; Eaton also had keys to the store. There was a show on the first floor, but it was not connected with any flue by pipe; there was no stove or fire piace in the second stort. There was no look on the back down which he was he had been not on the door —a Yale look. In said that Eaton had purchased a lot of empty boxes from the Hub clothing house, and he was going away for a few days; said he was going away for a few days; said he was going away for a few days; said he was going to Pittshurth. Told the he was using the original piped from there, Witness and that on Monday glosimon he noted all that on Monday glosimon he noted all that on Monday glosimon he noted all the empty boxes had been removed from the side of the wall, except one nor the

When asked if he had ever seen Eaton !

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"The Dazzler,"

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"The Dazzler," was presented to a large and exceedingly well pleased audience at the Grand has night by Congrove & Grant's company of merry concers. It is a farce comedy brought right up to date by the introduction of fresh wittleisms and a number of bright specialties. The company includes the old favorites and some new faces, The action is lively throughout, and the engagement has been very successful. It will close with afternoon and evening performances to-day. Secure your seats at the box office.

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THE DAY NURSERY To be Thrown Open for Inspection

A PRACTICAL PHILANTHROPY

That Appeals to the Largest Charity and tion to be Under the Direction of the King's Daughters-The Purpose is to Take Care of the Small Children of Women who are Required to be Absent From Home During the Day-Will be

'This morning at 10 o'clock, the King's Daughters' Day Nursery at No. 1610 Market street, will be thrown open to the public, closing at 5 o'clock this evening, and it is likely the opening

The Institution is a new feature of Wheeling's philanthropic work, and re-minds the casual observer that this city is becoming more metropolitan. The day nursery has been successfully start-ed in other cities, and under the au-spices of that willing band of workers, the King's Daughters, its success seems assured in Wheeling. To a generous public it will, however, look for mater-

of "Wang." will present that well-known and successful comic opera, at the Opera House, for two farevell performances of that merry opera. One of the scenes in "Wang." ceresents the river landing place of one of Slams least known towns. This is Pechaburi, one hundred miles southwest of Bangkok. Although the king has a summer palace there and the place will some day be famous as a sanitarium for Yaropeans, yet its present obscurity to obtain accurate dain upon which to construct the securety for "Wang." This scenery will be used in all its entirety on next Saturday, matines and unght A press dispatch recently stated that the state crown worn by the King of Slam weighs twenty-eight pounds. Although less in weight the coronation crown used in the Stameac opera of "Wang." This scenery for "weight promas. It is a conteal cap of gold forming a pagoda, or high pyramid of filigree work studded with diamonds, rubbas sapphires and emeralda.

\*\*OTBOID Homestead.\*\*

\*\*Probably no play ever written has scored a more pronounced and lastific success than has "The Old Homestead," which will be seen at the Opera House, next Tuesday. April 13. The novelly of the old-fashioned scenes necounts largely for this popularity. The quantit story appears to everyone, and in many trings back former receilections. The close of a hot August day, with the duty of putting everything on the farm to rights for the night; the arrival of the city visitors to the old-fashioned scenes necounts largely for this popularity. The quantit story appears to everyone, and in many trings back former receilections. The close of a hot August day, with the duty of putting everything on the farm to rights for the night; the arrival of the city visitors to the old-fashioned scenes necounts largely for this popularity. The quantity of the city visitors to everyone, and in many trings back former receilections. The close of a hot August day, with the duty of putting everything on the farm to rights for the night; the arrival of the city visitors to the old-fashion

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The state convention of the King's Daughters will be held in Wheeling. some time in June. Prominent leaders of the work from New York and other cities will be present during the convention, and the pr-be very interesting

HALL'S Hair Renewer enjoys the

So much has been written and said about "Alabama" in the past four years that it seems impossible to say anything new. The splendid record of its success everywhere is the hest advance notice for "Alabama." On the first night of its production, years ago, the Press of New York with one accord endorsed the beauty, humor and strength of the drams. Since the play has been presented in every city in the union, and the critics everywhere seem never to grow itred of sounding its praises. It is not often a play, even if it is unusually well received on its first presentation, evokes upon its return the same amount of enthusiasm, but "Alabama" does this in every case. The fact is, this beautiful play stows upon one; it is like a favorite poem that one reads over and over again, although its known by hear: There are many fine qualities in "Alabama." Its story is disclosed by deeds, instead of being related in words. Its persons are distinctly individualized. It is suffused with remarked it imports the feeling of a high ideal character and conduct. It is unobtrustedly humorous and unaffectedly pathetic. The play will be presented again this senson by Clement Balabridge's company. Mr. fadintridge, though only young as a narrager, has been an actor for many years. Its takes entire charge of the stage, and is indefatigable in rehearsing his people. That he is completent to do this is sufficiently proven by the fact that he was nelected by the author to go to Leddon, England, to stage the play for Mr. E. S. Willard, who produced it there last september. "Alabama" will be presented at the Grand Opera House for three tights, commencing Monday, April 12, and a Wednesday mathnee. confidence and patronage of people all over the civilized world, who use it to restore and keep the hair a natural ON account of bad weather yesterday bundreds of Remnants of Dress Goods were left that would have been sold. On sale to-day at same price. STONE & THOMAS.

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Matters of Minor Moment in and About

On account of the break in the gas mains yesterday, the Labelle mills and the Wheeling Hings Works were forced to be idle for the day.

The Epworth League of the Fourth street M. E. church will elect officers fo-the coming year next Monday evening. At the last meeting nominations were made.

Word was received in the city yester-day of the death of Patrick Demises, at Clarksburg. The deceased was well known in Wheeling, being a former res-ident of the East End.

On account of the plea of liness on the part of the defendant, the Eisen-McCully case relative to trespassing, did not have an airing at Squire Thomp-son's court yesterday.

An explosion of natural gas occurred at the Schmulbach Brewing Company's plant, at the head of Thirty-third street, last night shortly before 9 o'clock, but no damage was done.

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Yesterday the condition of Prosecuting Attorney W. C. Meyer was better than at any time since his accident. His mind is rational, and he is able to partake of more solid food. He was able to sit up a short time yester.

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On Sunday at the Fourth street M. E. church the pastor, Dr. J. L. Sooy, will preach at 19:39 a. m. The evening service will be unique in character. It will be a sermon in sacced song. "The Greatest Hymns of Great Hymnsists" will be sung.

will be sung.
Yesterday afternoon the funeral of
Mrs. George Hercules took place from
the family residence, on South For
street. Services were held at the Wesley M. E. church and were larkely attended. The interment was private at
Peninsular cemetery.

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At the North street M. E. church, Rev. C. R. Grahnin, pastor, the morning sermion on Sabbath will be on the subject of 'Christian Self-Denial." In the evening the subject will be "A Duty and a Promise." On Easter Sunday the fegular missionary enniversary will be held.

A still alarm to the Eighth ward engine house yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock gave the firemen a run to the corner of Thirty-sixth and Wood streets. A burning chimney was the cause of the alarm, and like the alarm of the preceding day, should not have been runs.

rung.

While Dairyman Eis was going home out Caldwell's run yesterday morning, he left his team at the head of Twenty-eighth street, while he went to a near-by blacksmith shop. During his absence the team and milk wagen, went over the embankment, smashing the wagen, and injuring one of the horses.

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Some miscreant totally destroyed the fire alarm box at the corner of Twelfth and Jacob streets after midnight yesterday morning. It has become a frequent occurrence to smash open the alarm boxes and steal the keys, sixteen keys having been stolen since Fire Chief Kileves entered office, but box 29 was smisshed into atoms. The penalty for the offense is severe and all good difference is severe and all good difference in severe and all good difference in the offense in the contents of the c

ABOUT PEOPLE

Strangers in the C. y and Wheeling Folks
Abroad.

Fred W. Bartlett, of Manulington, is at he McLure. T. B. Frye, of Keyser, is stopping at the Windsor.

J. D. Morgan and wife, of Smithfield, are at the Howell.

of the McLurr.
Miss Lairra Wilson, of Marion, Ind. is visiting Miss Angeline Browniee, of Fourteenth street.

Mr. W. J. Y. Cowden leaves to marrow evening on a short butiness trip to Columbus, and Cincinnati.

D. C. MécWatters, district passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, was in the city yesterday, looking after the insertent of his lines. Mrs. Smith, of Shirley, is a guest of the

are at the Howell.

C. W. Hammond, of Terra Alta, was at the Howell yesterday.

J. F. Eckbert, a Sistersville oil man, put up at the Windsor yesterday.

W. C. Morrison, of Parkersburg, was among last night's arrivals at the Stamm.

Stamm.

Passenger Agent J. S. Mordau, of the Great Northern railroad, was in the city gesterday.

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